

REMARKS

The Office Action dated September 22, 2004 has been reviewed and the Examiners comments carefully considered. Claims 1-7 have been cancelled. New Claims 8-15 have been added. Therefore, claims 8-15 are pending and submitted for reconsideration.

Applicants hereby elect Group 1 for examination. New claims 8-15 read on the elected species. Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

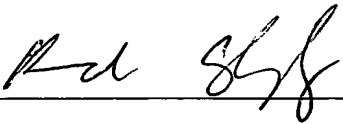
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of

papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R.  
§1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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